

**TOWN OF FREETOWN
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
JUNE 20, 2020**

Held at the Apponequet Regional High School Griffith Field.
All articles will be funded by Taxation unless designated otherwise.

Article 1: Fiscal Year 2021 Omnibus Budget

Voted: Unanimously to adopt the article in the recommended amounts

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elected officers for the Fiscal Year 2021

Voted: Unanimously voted to adopt the Moderator, Board of Selectmen, Town Clerk, Board of Assessors, Tree Warden and Regional Dist. School Committee compensation as recommended.

Voted: Adopted by the majority to adopt the compensation of the Highway Surveyor as requested.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to approve \$970,701.00 to operate the Water-Sewer Enterprise Fund for Fiscal Year 2021, with an appropriation for the following direct expenses:

Personnel: \$ 92,732.00

Expenses: \$ 788,200.00

Total: \$ 880,932.00 in the Water-Sewer Enterprise fund and \$89,769.00 for indirect costs appropriated in the general fund as part of the Omnibus Budget, with all costs totaling \$970,701.00) and supported by \$50,000.00 in certified retained earnings and the remaining \$920,701.00 from Water-Sewer Enterprise receipts.

Recommended by the Finance Committee & the Board of Selectmen.

Voted: Unanimously voted

Article 4: To fund \$3,800.00, for the removal of a very large tree located at 29 Braley Road.
Recommended by the Finance Committee & the Board of Selectmen.

Voted: Unanimously voted

Article 5: To accept the provisions of MGL 59, Section 21A½, and to supplement the \$419.20 in the budget of the Board of Assessors for this purpose.

Recommended by the Finance Committee & the Board of Selectmen

Voted: Unanimously voted

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote in accordance with MGL 115, Section 9, fund \$500.00 for the maintenance of veterans' graves.

Recommended by the Finance Committee & the Board of Selectmen

Voted: Unanimously voted

Article 7: To fund \$2,000.00 to pay for the public purpose of supporting the Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Program of the New Bedford Women's Center, Inc.
Recommended by the Finance Committee & the Board of Selectmen.

Voted: Unanimously voted

Article 8: To vote in accordance with MGL Chapter 114, Section 18, to fund \$2,500.00 for the repair or restoration of monuments in various cemeteries.
Recommended by the Finance Committee & the Board of Selectmen.

Voted: Unanimously voted.

Article 9: To transfer \$3,500.00 from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Account to be used by the Cemetery Commission for maintenance and improvements at the Assonet Burying Ground..
Recommended by the Finance Committee & the Board of Selectmen.

Voted: Unanimously voted.

Article 10: To fund \$6,800.00 update a 2 year actuarial Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) study.

Recommended by the Finance Committee & the Board of Selectmen

Voted: Unanimously voted

Article 11: To appropriate in the general fund and transfer \$23,000.00 from a special revenue receipts reserved for appropriation account known as the PEG Access & Cable Related Fund, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44 Section 53F ¾, to fund video service agreements.

Recommended by the Finance Committee & the Board of Selectmen.

Voted: Unanimously voted

Article 12: To fund \$30,000.00 to purchase a mini-excavator for use by the Highway Department and other departments.

~~Recommended to be Postponed Indefinitely by the Finance Committee.~~

The Board of Selectmen make no recommendation.

Voted: Unanimously voted to postpone indefinitely

Article 13: To purchase a new or used bucket truck for use by the Highway Department and other departments.

Recommended to be Postponed Indefinitely by the Finance Committee

The Board of Selectmen make no recommendation

Voted: Unanimously voted to postpone indefinitely

Article 14: To fund \$85,300.35 to pay for the costs of a network infrastructure for the Freetown-Lakeville RSD.

Recommended by the Finance Committee & the Board of Selectmen.

Article will be funded by Stabilization.

Voted: Unanimously voted

Article 15: To fund \$550,000.00 for the purpose of design and Construction of a renovation and expansion of the Freetown Senior Center building located at 227 Chace Road, including all costs incidental and related and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into contracts in excess of three years to carry out the purposes of this article.

The Finance Committee & the Board of Selectmen make no recommendation.

Article will be funded by Capital Stabilization.

Voted: Unanimously voted

Article 16: To transfer \$619,500.00 of the unused appropriation in the Water Capital Project Fund, as voted under Article 19 of the June 5, 2017 Annual Town Meeting, and funded with a transfer from the Capital Stabilization Fund, originally intended for the design, permitting and construction of DEP mandated upgrades to the water filtration facility, to the Capital Stabilization Fund.

Recommended by the Finance Committee & the Board of Selectmen.

Voted: Unanimously voted

Article 17: To transfer \$61,280.95 of the unused appropriation in the Bridge Rehab Capital Project Fund, as follows: \$50,000.00 to the new purpose of repairs to the roof of the Highway Barn, and the remaining \$11,280.95 to the Stabilization Fund, and/or take any action relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Committee & the Board of Selectmen.

Voted: Unanimously voted

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a tax exempt lease purchase (TELP) financing agreement with All American Investment Group, LLC to acquire police cruisers that may be financed by the issuance of debt, for a term up to the useful life of the property, being 3 years, to be procured as determined by the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 21C, and furthermore the sum needed to satisfy the first year payment of this agreement will be separately identified, raised and appropriated in the capital budget section of the Omnibus Budget for FY2021.

Recommended by the Finance Committee & the Board of Selectmen.

Voted: Unanimously voted

Article 19: To authorize the Board of Selectmen to seek special legislation allowing for the appointment of up to two alternate members to the Freetown Conservation Commission
The Finance Committee makes no recommendation. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.
Voted: Unanimously voted

Article 20: To establish the fiscal year spending limits for each revolving fund established under Article 29 of the General By-laws.
Recommended by the Finance Committee & the Board of Selectmen.
Voted: Unanimously voted in the amounts presented

Article 21: To vote to amend the Floodplain District Town of Freetown Protective By Laws, Article 11 Zoning by Laws by deleting Section 11.11 (B.) (1.) in its entirety and replacing it with the following new Section 11.11 (B.) (1) on certain panels presented.
The Finance Committee makes no recommendation. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.
Article withdrawn by the Planning Board
